



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hopedale is a village rich in tradition and
3 noteworthy historical events; and

4 WHEREAS, Hopedale was founded in 1827 by the Aaron
5 Orendorff family; the town's original name was Osceola; after
6 an application was sent to the Postmaster General, it was
7 discovered that Osceola was in use by another town, so it was
8 renamed Hopedale, after the township; and

9 WHEREAS, The first daily vacation Bible School in the world
10 was started in Hopedale by Mrs. Mattie Pritchard Miles, wife of
11 the Hopedale Methodist minister, Rev D.T. Miles; she organized
12 and conducted the classes with 37 children attending; and

13 WHEREAS, At the turn of the century, Hopedale had a brick
14 factory, two doctors, a drug store, an opera house,
15 restaurants, and the railroad; and

16 WHEREAS, Around 1920, Buick cars and John Deere farm
17 tractors were being sold in Hopedale; the village had the usual
18 boarding house and dry goods store; over the years many
19 business have come and gone; in 1954, the Hopedale Hospital was
20 constructed, financed by local investors; since then a nursing
21 home, retirement facility, and wellness center have been added;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Around 1906, an Independence Day Celebration was
24 held on the Fourth of July as in many over communities;
25 uniquely, Hopedale's celebration has continued annually to the
26 present day and includes a yearly barbeque cook-off; therefore,
27 be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we recognize the village of Hopedale on the occasion of its
2 annual Independence Day celebration and barbeque cook-off
3 event; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the village of Hopedale as an expression of our
6 esteem and with best wishes for the continued success of this
7 annual event.